



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

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Mr. John Fowler
Executive Director
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue #809
Washington, DC 20004

Re: Society for American Archaeology's (SAA) Comments on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) draft *Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains and Funerary Objects*

Dear Mr. Fowler:

On behalf of SAA, I would like to thank the ACHP for this opportunity to [comment on the ACHP Task Force on Archaeology's draft](#) (Federal Register, March 14, 2006) revision of the 1988 Human Remains Policy. As we noted in earlier communications with the Task Force, SAA agrees that the existing Policy needs to be updated, and is pleased to provide the attached comments.

SAA is an international organization that, since its founding in 1934, has been dedicated to research about and interpretation and protection of the archaeological heritage of the Americas. With more than 7,000 members, the Society represents professional archaeologists in colleges and universities, museums, government agencies, and the private sector. SAA has members in all 50 states as well as many other nations around the world.

The new Policy will have a far-reaching impact on archaeology within the Section 106 process. As such, it is crucial that it reflect the appropriate balance between the concerns of all stakeholders. SAA recognizes the Task Force's hard work on this issue, and very much appreciates the openness of the process and the diligence of the Task Force in seeking out the views of all interested communities.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth M. Ames".

Kenneth M. Ames, Ph.D., RPA
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